

Andrew Jackson to Chief Chennabee, October 19, 1813, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO CHIEF CHENNABEE.¹

¹ Chennabee, or Chinnabee, was a leader of the friendly Creeks on Natchee Creek, which unites with the Coosa near Talladega. His town, on the Coosa, was called "Chinnaby's fort on the Coosa", by Reid (see Eaton's *Jackson*, p. 40). This Indian must not be confused with the "Chinnubbee Mingo, King of the Chickasaws", mentioned in the treaties with the Chickasaws in 1805 and 1816. *Am. State Papers, Indian Affairs*, I. 697, and II. 93.

Camp Coffee, October 19, 1813

I have received by your son and Mr. Quarles, the Communication which you have sent me. Do not grow dispirited; but if you should be attacked by the hostile Creeks, hold out obstinately for a few days, when I will come to your releif. If one hair of your head is hurt, or of any who are friendly to the whites, or of your family, I will sacrafice a hundred lives to pay for it. I have an army with me sufficient to restore your country to peace, and to teach all the bad spirits in your nation a lesson they have long stood in need of. A great many more, will in a short time, form a junction with me and we shall then act together. I shall leave this encampment late today; and will reach your fort in four days at farthest. Be of good heart; and tell your men they have nothing to fear.

Respectfully